



RainScapes Rewards Rebates

RainScapes Rewards projects are designed to reduce stormwater runoff and enhance the local environment. These voluntary projects are funded by the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC). RainScapes Rewards projects cannot be used to fulfill a county-required stormwater permit, and only new projects will be considered for a rebate. In order to qualify for a rebate, properties must be located within Montgomery County but outside of the municipalities of Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Takoma Park. (These jurisdictions collect their WQPC separately.)

Project Timeline and Requirements	
1	Read the website and design manual for the specific Rainscapes projects. Please also read our Application Process document.
2	Go to the online application, and fill it out.
3	Submit your RainScapes rebate application. If you don't get an email from RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov , then you did not finish your application. If you need help please contact us through that email.
4	If your application contains all the necessary information, you will be contacted by the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule a mandatory preliminary inspection. These inspections are required before project installation can begin.* <small>*No preliminary inspection is needed for rain barrels or tree canopy projects</small>
5	Supporting documents specific to each rebate type will need to be submitted. This can happen before or after the preliminary inspection. Please see the project requirements for a supporting documents list.
6	Once you've passed the preliminary inspection, and all the supporting documents have been reviewed and approved, an application response letter* detailing approval and rebate funding level will be sent. A property owner agreement will also be sent at this time. <small>*Once you receive the approval notice, installation of the project can begin.</small>
7	Projects must be installed within six months of the date of the approval letter. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions you may have.
8	Once the project is installed, contact the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule a final inspection.
9	At the final inspection, you may receive a list of necessary changes to be made before a rebate can be issued. Completion of any adjustments will need to be photo-documented and emailed to RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov . Depending on the number of adjustments, a second final inspection may be necessary.
10	Submit at the end: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copies of the receipts, itemized and with sales tax subtracted ▪ Electronically-signed property owner agreement
11	Your rebate will be processed for payment after your project passes final inspection and you have submitted receipts and property owner agreement. The rebate check will be issued by the Montgomery County Department of Finance.

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Required Supporting documents:

- Planting plan with graphic scale showing plant quantities and locations
 - HOA approval letter if applicable

- Pass preliminary inspection for site suitability
- Rebate amount:
 - **Residential**-\$1,200.00
 - **Commercial/Institutional**-\$2,500.00
- Maximum rebate:
 - **Residential**-\$2,500.00
 - **Commercial/Institutional**-\$10,000.00
- Minimum size:
 - Sized to treat a minimum 1.2 inch, 24 hour storm event per drainage area. Given recent rain event trends, treating 2.7 inches over a 24 hour storm event is encouraged. Consult RainScapes rain garden sizing table for 1' planting media (see other side).
 - **Residential**- minimum 75 sq ft
 - **Commercial/Institutional**- minimum 100 sq ft
- Location:
 - On private property
 - 10' from buildings
 - Downhill from buildings
 - Not over utilities (water, gas, electric)
 - Overflows onto pervious surface (grass, garden, etc.) for at least 10' before reaching impervious surface (driveway, sidewalk, etc.)
 - Does not divert water from existing flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbor's property
 - Installed in soils which pass a perc test
 - Perc rates from 0-36 hours require compost amending the soil to a depth of 12" (below the 6" ponding depth)
 - Perc rates over 36 hours indicate an unsuitable location for a rain garden. A conservation landscape is recommended having 2x the footprint of the sized rain garden. Another option is to install an underdrain beneath the rain garden (approval will be given on a site by site basis for underdrains).
- Design/Installation:
 - Planting plan showing plant locations submitted and approved
 - Graphic scale on plan
 - Plant list including plant variety, quantity and size
 - 75% native plants, cultivars are accepted, 25% can be non-native, non-invasive

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- Plants size of a quart pot or larger. No plugs or seed.
- Installed according to our rain garden manual
- Final Steps
 - Submit itemized receipts with the tax subtracted
 - Electronically sign and submit the property owner agreement
 - Schedule and pass final inspection

Rain Garden Sizing Table

Sizing table for 1 ft planting media. Inches of

rain stored ↓	Drainage area (square feet)						
	100	200	300	400	500	600	
Media footprint (square feet)	5	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
	15	2.2	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4
	30	3.8	1.9	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.6
	50	6.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0
	60	7.1	3.6	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.2
	75	8.8	4.4	2.9	2.2	1.8	1.5
	100	11	5.7	3.8	2.9	2.3	1.9
	125	14	7.1	4.7	3.6	2.8	2.4

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